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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Bakersfield – Mexican Mafia Associate, Nazi Sympathizer Among Those Arrested in Gang Sweep

(U) A lengthy investigation involving multiple agencies culminated with the arrests of 29 people, including a woman allegedly affiliated with the Mexican Mafia and a suspected Nazi sympathizer, on charges including drug trafficking, conspiracy, and firearm offenses. More than 15,000 suspected fentanyl pills, 990-grams of fentanyl, 10-pounds of methamphetamine, 7-pounds of heroin, 112-pounds of marijuana, 13 guns and \$60,000 in cash were seized during the operation targeting criminal street gangs in Bakersfield. Drug buys monitored by law enforcement and wiretaps helped lead to the arrests following an 18-month investigation.

SOURCE: 5 November 2022, [KTLA News](#)

(U) Riverside County – Feds Nab Fentanyl Distributer from Riverside County in Michigan Bust

(U) A convicted felon from Moreno Valley who operated a nationwide fentanyl distribution ring, which was uncovered in Michigan, pleaded guilty to drug trafficking and money laundering charges. The seizure of 30-grams of fentanyl was discovered through the tracking of a UPC code off a PlayStation box used to deliver heroin to a drug customer. Through that information, agents identified couriers who traveled the US, delivering kilograms and transporting bulk currency, leading to multiple arrests and additional seizures in Indiana and Maryland. Investigators advise the confiscated fentanyl equaled “15 million deadly doses.” The California suspect has a prior drug dealing conviction. A total of 18 people were arrested and charged in the drug trafficking case.

SOURCE: 4 November 2022, [Patch](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Seize More Than \$1.2 Million in Cocaine in Two Seizures

(U) Hidalgo – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Hidalgo and Pharr International Bridges intercepted \$1.2 million in alleged cocaine in two separate incidents. CBP officers at the Hidalgo International Bridge encountered a vehicle arriving from Mexico. After a secondary inspection, officers extracted 12 packages weighing 25-pounds of alleged cocaine concealed within the vehicle. Later that day at the Pharr International Bridge, officers extracted 25 packages weighing 69-pounds of alleged cocaine concealed in a vehicle after a secondary investigation. Investigators seized the narcotics and the vehicles as the cases remain under investigation.

SOURCE: 4 November 2022, [US CBP Press Release](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – FBI Called to Campaign Office After Staff Received White Powder in Envelopes

(U) Phoenix – Federal authorities are investigating an incident at the campaign office of Republican Arizona Governor candidate Kari Lake after staff received suspicious white powder in two envelopes that also contained abusive messages. A hazmat team and the bomb squad also responded, and the FBI took the substance away for analysis. There have been no reports of injury and the investigation remains active. Lake is in a tight race for governor and the campaign has become fierce in recent weeks

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with personal attacks from both sides. Last week, police responded to the Democratic campaign headquarters in Phoenix to report a break in that was later revealed to be an illegal immigrant.

SOURCE: 6 November 2022, [Daily Mail](#)

(U) District of Columbia – National Guard to Activate Cybersecurity Teams in 14 States for Elections

(U) Washington – The National Guard will be activating cybersecurity teams in 14 states ahead of the midterm elections to counter any potential interferences. The decision to have teams ready for support has become a familiar one over the past few elections after they reports of Russian interference operations during the 2016 presidential election. The unit began working prior to Election Day by conducting vulnerability assessment and penetration testing for local and county agencies. Cyber training was also offered to most of the state's county election boards. Though teams are prepared to act across the country, officials advise that "no information, credible or specific, about efforts to disrupt or compromise" the midterm elections or election-related systems has been seen.

SOURCE: 5 November 2022, [Yahoo News](#)

(U) Florida – 12 Cuban Migrants in Custody After Coming Ashore on Miami Beach

(U) Miami – Federal authorities have apprehended 12 Cuban migrants after they came ashore on Miami Beach. According to the US Border Patrol, the migrants made the journey from the island nation in a rustic vessel. Officials advise that there has been a massive increase in migrants arriving by boat recently, including 850 in October alone. The migrants were taken into custody for processing and an investigation is underway.

SOURCE: 3 November 2022, [WSVN News](#)

(U) Illinois – Guard Shack at FBI's Chicago Building Attacked

(U) Chicago – A suspect is in custody after allegedly trying to set a guard shack at the FBI's Chicago headquarters on fire. The Chicago Fire Department advised that someone poured accelerant on the guard shack at the facility. Officials advise that a suspect was taken into custody, and no one was harmed. A motive for the alleged attack has not been disclosed, nor has the identity of the suspect. An investigation into the incident is ongoing.

SOURCE: 4 November 2022, [MSN News](#)

(U) Ohio – Man Charged with Federal Hate Crime After Attacking Asian American Student

(U) Cincinnati – A Cincinnati man has been charged with committing a federal hate crime after he allegedly attacked an Asian American student at the University of Cincinnati. The suspect is accused of attacking the male student in 2021. The victim told police the suspect had punched him while making racist comments including a reference to "kung flu." The suspect also threatened to kill the victim. Authorities arrived on scene during the incident and, after a brief pursuit, apprehended the suspect. The suspect has already pled guilty to misdemeanor assault in relation to the incident.

SOURCE: 4 November 2022, [ABC News](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Shooting Leaves Nine Injured Outside Bar, Multiple Gunmen Sought

(U) Philadelphia – Nine people were wounded, two critically, when multiple gunmen fired a barrage of at least 40 shots at a crowd gathered on a sidewalk outside a Philadelphia bar on Saturday. The assailants fled the scene and remained at large. Authorities believe the shooters spotted someone they wanted to shoot and don't yet know who was targeted or a motive for the attack. The shooting occurred despite a heavy police presence already in the area. The shooting came amid 5% a drop in both homicides and aggravated gun assaults in Philadelphia over the first ten months of this year, compared to the same time period in 2021.

SOURCE: 6 November 2022, [ABC News](#)

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(U) Iran – Iran Arrests 26 Foreigners For Deadly Shrine Attack

(U) Riyadh – Iran has arrested 26 foreign nationals over their alleged involvement in a deadly attack claimed by the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) on a Shiite Muslim shrine. At least 13 people were killed in an armed attack last month on the Shah Cheragh mausoleum in Shiraz. Authorities advise 26 “takfiri terrorist” are from Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, and Afghanistan. The term takfiri in Iran and in several other countries refers to radical Sunni Islamist groups. The shooting at the shrine, considered the holiest Shiite site in southern Iran, came on the same day that thousands of people across the country paid tribute to Mahsa Amini, 40 days after her death in police custody. The perpetrator of the attack in Shiraz, died of wounds sustained while he was being arrested.

SOURCE: 7 November 2022, [Barron's](#)

(U) Somalia – Al-Shabaab Suicide Bomber Targets Military Training Center

(U) Mogadishu – An al-Shabaab bomber targeted a military training center in Somalia’s capital Mogadishu in an attack that comes just a week after the terrorists targeted the city. At least 15 people are said to have died in the base attack including army recruits and scores wounded. The facility is located at the former candy factory and has been targeted by al-Shabaab multiple times in the past. The militants often target security forces, senior government officials, and innocent civilians. In the past, more than 5,000 civilians have been killed by the militants. For the past couple of weeks, al-Shabaab militants have suffered casualties in various battlefields, especially in Hiraan, Galgaduud, and Bay regions. Officials advise that over 400 militants have been killed within the same period.

SOURCE: 5 November 2022, [Garowe Online](#)

(U) Syria – Six Killed after Attack on Displacement Camps

(U) Idlib – At least six people were killed, and dozens wounded after Syrian government forces targeted tent settlements of displaced families in the rebel-held northwestern province of Idlib. Opposition activists and first responders reported that government forces fired about 30 rockets, including towards Maram camp, killing six and wounding 25. The attacks are the latest violation of a March 2020 truce established by Russia and Turkey that ended a Russian-backed government offensive on Idlib province. The ceasefire has been repeatedly violated over the past two-years.

SOURCE: 6 November 2022, [Al Jazeera](#)

(U) United Kingdom – "Terrorist ideology" Determined to be Motivation in Immigration Center Firebombing

(U) Dover – Counterterrorism Police Southeast (CTPSE), who have been working with Kent Police, have recovered evidence that indicates the firebombing attack at an immigration center in Dover on 30 October, was motivated by a terrorist ideology. During the attack, several crude incendiary devices were thrown outside the premises by a man who arrived at the scene alone in a car. Interviews and examined digital evidence suggest there was an extreme right-wing motivation behind the attack. There is currently nothing to suggest the offender was working alongside anyone else and there is not believed to be any wider threat to the public. The investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 5 November 2022, [CT Policing Press Release](#)

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